



# EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Ukrainian Catholic Parish



## Українська Католицька Парафія ВОЗДВИЖЕННЯ ЧЕСНОГО ХРЕСТА

### WELCOME

A warm welcome to parishioners and visitors joining us today.

Our doors are wide open:  
to all who mourn or need comfort;  
to all who are weary and need rest;  
to all who seek friendship;  
to all who desire to grow  
in relationship with God;  
to all who yearn to pray;  
to all who need a Saviour,  
and in the name our Lord, says:  
**WELCOME!**

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### HOLY MYSTERIES

**Baptism:** by appointment

**Confessions:** by appointment

**Marriages:** please contact the Priest at least six months in advance before any other arrangements are made

**Ministry of the Sick - Hospital**

**Visits:** Parishioners with special circumstances that wish to be visited, please contact the Parish Priest.

**Funerals:** by appointment

8 Sunday after Pentecost

8 Неділя після П'ятидесятниці  
JULY 18, 2021

### COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

#### I. FIRST COUNCIL OF NICAEA

Year: 325. Summary: To this council we owe the Nicene Creed, defining against Arius the true Divinity of the Son of God, and the fixing of the date for keeping Easter.

#### II. FIRST COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Year: 381. Summary: It was directed against the followers of Macedonius, who impugned the Divinity of the Holy Ghost. To the above-mentioned Nicene Creed it added the clauses referring to the Holy Ghost and all that follows to the end.

#### III. COUNCIL OF EPHESUS

Year: 431 Summary: St. Cyril of Alexandria representing Pope Celestine I, defined the true personal unity of Christ, declared Mary the Mother of God (Theotokos) against Nestorius.

#### IV. COUNCIL OF CHALCEDON

Year: 451 Summary: The Council of Chalcedon defined the two natures (Divine and human) in Christ against Eutyches, who was excommunicated.

#### V. SECOND COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Year: 553 Summary: The Second General Council of Constantinople condemned the errors of Origen and certain writings of Theodoret, of Theodore, Bishop of Mopsuestia and of Ibas, Bishop of Edessa; it further confirmed the first four general councils, especially that of Chalcedon whose authority was contested by some heretics.

#### VI. THIRD COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Years: 680-681 Summary: The Third General Council of Constantinople put an end to Monothelitism by defining two wills in Christ, the Divine and the human, as two distinct principles of operation.

**Troparion, Tone 7:** By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

**Troparion, Tone 8:** Christ our God, You are glorified above all,\* You established our fathers as beacons on earth\* and through them guided all of us to the true faith.\* Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

**Kontakion, Tone 7:** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,\* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.\* Hades is bound.\* The prophets exult with one voice.\* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying:\* "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

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

**Kontakion, Tone 6:** The Son who ineffably shone from the Father\* was born two-fold of nature from a woman.\* Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form;\* but depicting it, we revere it faithfully.\* Therefore, the Church, holding the true faith,\* kisses the icon of Christ's becoming man.

**Now and** for ever and ever. Amen.

**Theotokion, Tone 6:** Undaunted patroness of Christians,\* O steadfast intermediary with the Creator,\* turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners,\* but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith.\* Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead,\* for you are ever the patroness of those who honour you, O Mother of God.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 4** Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,\* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

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

#### **Epistle Hebrews 13:7-16**

Brothers and Sisters, remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us then go to him

**Тропар (гл.7):** Знищив Ти хрестом Твоїм смерть,\* відчинив розбійникові рай,\* мироносицям плач на радість перемінив\* і апостолам звелів проповідувати,\* що воскрес Ти, Христе Боже,\* даючи світові велику милість.

**Тропар (гл.8):** Препрославлений Ти, Христе Боже наш, світила на землі отців наших заснував, і ними в істинній вірі всіх нас наставив; Многоблаگوутробний, слава Тобі.

**Кондак (гл.7):** Вже більше влада смерти не зможе людей держати,\* зійшов бо Христос, знищивши і знівечивши сили її,\* зв'язується ад,\* пророки ж однодушно радіють.\* З'явився Спас тим, що вірують, промовляючи:\* Виходьте, вірні, до воскресіння.

**Слава Отцю,** і Сину, і Святому Духові.

**Кондак (гл.6):** Ти – із Отця неказанно возсіявший Син – з жени родився подвійний єством. Його видячи, не відрікаємося виду зображення, але його, благочесно написавши, вірно почитаємо. І ради того Церква, держачи істинну віру, цілує ікону вочоловічення Христового.

**І нині,** і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

**Богородичний (гл.6):** Заступнице християн бездоганна,\* Посереднице до Творця незамінна,\* не погорди молінням грішних,\* але випереди, як Блага, з поміччю нам,\* що вірно Тобі співаємо.\* Поспішишь на молитву і скоро прийди на моління,\* заступаючи повсякчас, Богородице, тих, що Тебе почитають

**Прокімен (гл.7):** Господь силу людям Своїм дасть,\* Господь поблагословить людей своїх миром .

**Стих:** Принесіть Господеві, сини Божі принесіть Господеві молодих баранців

#### **До Євреїв послання святого апостола Павла читання (13:7-16)**

Браття і Сестри, пам'ятайте про наставників ваших, які звіщали вам слово Боже, і дивлячись уважно на кінець їхнього життя, наслідуйте їхню віру. Ісус Христос учора й сьогодні – той самий навіки. Не піддавайтеся різним та чужим наукам: воно бо добре укріпити серце благодаттю, не стравами, які не принесли ніякої користі тим, що віддавалися їм. Є у нас жертовник, з якого не мають права їсти ті, що при наметі служать. Бо котрих звірят кров архиєрей заносить у святиню за гріхи, тих м'ясо палиться за табором. Тому й Ісус, щоб освятити народ власною своєю кров'ю, страждав поза містом. Тож виходьмо до нього за табір, несучи наругу його, бо ми не маємо тут постійного міста, а майбутнього шукаємо. Через

outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

#### **Alleluia, Tone 1**

**verse:** The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**verse:** Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him.

#### **Gospel: John 17:1-13**

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia (3x)

нього принесім завжди Богові жертву хвали, тобто плід уст, які визнають його ім'я. Добродійства та взаємної допомоги не забувайте: такі бо жертви Богові приємні.

#### **Алилуя глас 1:**

**Стих:** Бог богів, Господь мовив, і призвав землю від сходу сонця до заходу.

**Стих:** Зберіть йому преподобних його, що заповідують завіт його в жертвах.

#### **Євангеліє: Івана 17:1-13**

**Причасний:** Хваліте Господа з небес,\* хваліте Його на висотах. Алилуя (3х).

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **TODAY SERVICE OF BLESSING OF CARS** – there will be blessing of parishioners' cars after the Divine Liturgy.

**Why do we bless cars?** We spend many hours in our cars (or other modes of transportation). We travel every day of our lives – work, school, grocery store, errands, and hopefully to Church! We offer prayers for those traveling at every liturgical service, and include special petitions during our daily private prayers. Everything we do (even driving in our car) we can be reminded of God's blessing and pray for safety and salvation! Just like we have our homes blessed during the festal season of Theophany (Christ's Baptism) in early January, we have another occasion to bless our cars and other vehicles of transportation. The custom of our Church is to bless cars at the Feast of Prophet Elijah (Elias) which is July 20 (or near his feast-day). Do you remember the story of Prophet Elijah from the Old Testament? We read about the Life of Prophet Elijah the 3rd and 4th Book of Kings, Wisdom of Sirach 48:1-15, and 1 Maccabees 2:58. He was taken up into Heaven in a fiery chariot! Therefore, we bless our modes of transportation on his feast-day with the hope of safe travels. Thus, bring your car, bicycle, truck, motorcycle, even Big Wheel, etc.! This is a great opportunity for our youth to experience the blessings that Christ offers in our daily routine, such as traveling. We hope your family will join us, too!

➤ **OFFERING PRAYERS:** parish members requesting the celebration of a Divine Liturgy for a special intention (such as: Thanksgiving, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.), please contact Fr. Andriy.

➤ **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS – ДЯКУЄМО** – Our gratitude to everyone for your prayers & ongoing financial support of our parish and for all other ways in which you assist our church community. God bless you all!

➤ **PARISH CALENDAR OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES** - if you would like to be included in our Parish Family Calendar of Birthday and Anniversaries celebrations, please notify Fr. Andriy

➤ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY / HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** to those who celebrate their birthday or anniversary. This week's birthday: **Michael Guszowaty, Olive Nosaty (98th)**. May the Lord Our God continue to bless you abundantly and the Holy Mother of God protect you. Многая Літа!

➤ **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** your family; your fellow parishioners; especially the shut-in or those in the hospital; those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; as well as any other need.

➤ **DONATIONS** - Amid Covid-19 outbreak causing these challenging times we continue to rely on your generosity. for the parish would be greatly appreciated. We still have expenses and rely on your support. You can make donations on our web-site. <https://crossparish.ca/donation/> or sending them by mail: Holy Cross Parish 13753 - 108th Avenue, Surrey BC, V3T 2K6

➤ **A GIFT OF TIME** - Everyone has been affected by the COVID pandemic. For some the effects have been physical however many people have been affected psychologically experiencing stress, anxiety and depression. While there may be people who have more money and possessions, we all have the same amount of time: exactly 24 hours every day. The greatest gift you can give someone is your time. We encourage you to reach over the phone to connect with your fellow parishioners and share with them your gift of time. Let it be your gift to them and a gift to yourself as well as we all connect as a spiritual family.

➤ **BEQUESTS AND WILLS:** Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness, please remember Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church at 13753 - 108th Avenue, Surrey BC, the sum of \$\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish and it's needs and pastoral ministry."

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

You can check our schedule at: <http://crossparish.ca/about/parish-calendar>

18	JUL, SUN	● All day	BLESSING OF CARS
		● 09:00 – 10:00	Divine Liturgy (English)
		● 10:30 – 11:30	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
20	JUL, TUE	● All day	Prophet Elijah
		● 09:30 – 10:30	Divine Liturgy
21	JUL, WED	● 09:30 – 10:30	Divine Liturgy
25	JUL, SUN	● 09:00 – 10:00	Divine Liturgy (English)
		● 10:30 – 11:30	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

## OTHER RELIGIOUS NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY** - Pope Francis, at his January 31, 2021 Angelus, announced the institution of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be celebrated on July 25, the midpoint of the *Amoris Laetitia Family Year*.



➤ **THE 52ND INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** will take place from September 5-12, 2021, in Budapest, Hungary (originally scheduled for September 2020). Registration and further information is available at <https://www.iec2020.hu/en/program>

➤ **UNITY 2021 - Young Adult Gathering (18 - 35 years of age)** With the blessing and support of the Rev. Bishop Bryan Bayda, the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada is excited to be hosting Unity 2021. Unity is a gathering for young adults (18 - 35 years of age) of our church “who seek to further understand their Catholic Faith, to embrace it more fully and to celebrate it more profoundly. With the grace of God, this is accomplished by means of prayer, education and fellowship.”

Unity 2021 is scheduled to take place **Friday August 6 – Saturday August 7, 2021.**

The theme of Unity 2021 is “Stillness In The Chaos” “Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10 will be our motto for the weekend. This past year has been incredibly difficult for so many, and this topic is more important than ever. We will have sessions on:

- Mental health,
- Having a relationship with God,
- What it means to be Ukrainian Catholic,
- The Divine Liturgy,
- Theology of the body and dating,
- Wellness of Body, Mind and Spirit,
- Evangelism and the leadership of Jesus Christ, and
- Catholicism and non-traditional families.

Unity 2021 will be offered ONLINE, and all sessions will be held over Zoom. There is NO COST to attend this event.

Since our programming will be offered fully online this year, our planning committee felt it would be a unique opportunity to reach out and include fellow Ukrainian Catholics across North America. It truly will be a blessing to have all North American eparchies represented at Unity 2021.

More information about this event can be found here: <https://unity2021.mailchimpsites.com>

Registration is NOW OPEN. Participants can register by going to this link <http://bit.ly/3cnsRKT>

➤ **LAY LEADERSHIP FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES** - Interested in learning more about God, your faith, and the Church? Sign up for an online course (or two or three) or even work towards a Certificate in Eastern Christian Traditions at Newman Theological College (Edmonton). The course offerings include Scripture, Eastern Christianity Theology I and II, Eastern Catholic Worship and Spirituality, the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments), and Praying with Icons. Each course consists of 10 online sessions, spanning 5 weeks, requiring some 4 hours of work per week (2 hours per lesson). No exams. Cost of registration per course \$85.00 plus the cost of books. To register and for more information, visit [www.Newman.edu/CCS](http://www.Newman.edu/CCS)

## HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH



The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.

Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: “When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with flames.” The name Elijah (the Lord’s strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.

During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their Fathers, they abandoned the One God and worshipped pagan idols, the worship of which was introduced by the impious king Jereboam. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. Indeed, the word of Elijah was a torch (Eccles. 48: 1) The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

During this time of tribulation, the Lord sent him to a cave beyond the Jordan. There he was miraculously fed by ravens. When the stream Horath dried up, the Lord sent the Prophet Elijah to Sarephtha to a poor widow, a Sidonian Gentile who suffered together with her children, awaiting death by starvation. At the request of the prophet, she prepared him a bread with the last measure of flour and the remainder of the oil. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elijah, flour and oil were not depleted in the home of the widow for the duration of the famine. By the power of his prayer the prophet also performed another miracle: he raised the dead son of the widow.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God.

The Prophet Elijah told them to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: "Truly, the Lord is God!" Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, grieving over his failure to eradicate idol worship, he asked God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave.

The Lord told him that the next day Elijah would stand in His presence. There was a strong wind that crushed the rocks of the mountain, then an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. The Lord was in "a gentle breeze" (3 Kings 19: 12). He revealed to the prophet, that He would preserve seven thousand faithful servants who had not worshipped Baal.

Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah's mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic spirit.

